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In re Application of: DESLOGE, George B.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted prior to examination of the application.

20 **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims, which includes the deletion of Claims 1 through 13 and 22 through 31, are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.